SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 577 By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Michelle Martin, 2003 Valedictorian of Pigeon Forge High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Martin is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Pigeon Forge High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Michelle Martin has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Martin has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Martin's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she plans to attend Emory and Henry College in the fall of 2003 on Creed Fulton and Bonner Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Ms. Martin was honored with the Journalism Award, the Principal's Award, was voted "Most Likely to Succeed," and attended the Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and well-rounded young woman, Michelle Martin is a member of several clubs and organizations, including the newspaper staff, Leo Club, Beta Club, Interact Club, Color Guard, Marching Band, Latin Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, and has donated her time to several charitable and volunteer organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martin's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her mother, Nancy Martin, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Martin's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Pigeon Forge High School Valedictorian, Michelle Martin, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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